

## WEST BOUNTIFUL CITY

ORDINANCE #338-12

***AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS A-1 (CHAPTER 17.16.080), R-1-22 (CHAPTER 17.20.080), AND R-1-10 (CHAPTER 17.24.080) OF THE WEST BOUNTIFUL MUNICIPAL CODE ADDRESSING REGULATIONS OF FARM ANIMALS.***

**WHEREAS**, West Bountiful City residents enjoy a rural environment that promotes and preserves conditions favorable to agriculture; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Bountiful City Council recognizes the importance of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the present and future inhabitants of the city; and

**WHEREAS**, these regulations are intended to preserve and enhance residential character and lifestyle, and enjoyment of farm animals while maximizing personal property uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Bountiful City Planning Commission held a public hearing, after proper notice, on October 25, 2011, and received public comments.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF WEST BOUNTIFUL CITY, UTAH, THAT RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS A-1 (CHAPTER 17.16.080), R-1-22 (CHAPTER 17.20.080), AND R-1-10 (CHAPTER 17.24.080), BE AMENDED AS INDICATED IN ATTACHED EXHIBIT A.***

This ordinance will become effective upon signing and posting.

Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2012.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ken Romney, Mayor

<u>Voting by the City Council:</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Councilmember Ahlstrom	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>
Councilmember Bruhn	<u>      </u>	<u>X</u>
Councilmember McKean	<u>      </u>	<u>X</u>
Councilmember Preece	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>
Councilmember Tovey	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>

Attest:

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Heidi Voordeckers, City Recorder

**Farm Animal Regulations (17.16.080, A-1), (17.20.080, R-1-22), (17.24.080, R-1-10)**

- A. Farm animals may be kept on properties according to the following requirements:
  - 1. For each acre, a parcel, or adjacent properties, whether owned or leased, shall be eligible to contain or house farm animals rating one hundred (100) points or prorated for any part thereof.
    - a. Large animals such as horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, llamas and cows require a minimum area of .4 acres: Forty (40) points each.
    - b. Medium animals such as sheep and goats, and other animals of similar size: Twenty (20) points each.
    - c. Small animals such as ducks, chickens, geese, rabbits and turkeys: Four (4) points each.
    - d. Pigs, provided that pens are located at least two hundred (200) feet from neighboring dwellings: Forty (40) points each.
    - e. Miniature or pygmy farm animals will have one-half the points of the normal sized species.
  - 2. The points listed in Section 1 may be decreased for large and small animals subject to approval of a conditional use permit by the planning commission. The minimum points allowed for each large animal is twenty-five (25) points and the minimum allowed for each small animal is two (2) points.
  - 3. Dependent offspring shall not be counted in determining the total number of animals on the parcel(s).
  - 4. Honeybees, pursuant to the requirements of Title 4, Chapter 11 of the Utah Code.
- B. For multiple properties to be eligible for combined point calculation under Subsection A, the following criteria must be met:
  - 1. The properties shall be owned or leased by the same person or entity.
  - 2. All properties used for the combined point calculation must be contiguous.
  - 3. If one or more properties are leased:
    - a. The lease must be in writing and signed by both parties.
    - b. The leased property must be used in some meaningful way by lessee in the keeping of farm animals.
- C. All animals, except bees, must be kept in an area enclosed by a fence or structure sufficient to prevent escape.
- D. Setbacks - No animal shelter, including pens, coops and beehives, may be located less than six (6) feet from any property line or dwelling.
  - 1. Barns, stables, corrals, or similar structures used to house medium and large animals may not be located less than seventy-five (75) feet from any neighboring dwelling.
  - 2. An apiary, housing colonies of bees, must be at least six (6) inches above the ground and, if located less than fifteen (15) feet from a property line, a solid six (6) foot vertical barrier running along or near the property line and extending at least four (4) feet beyond the apiary in each direction is required.
  - 3. Setbacks for all structures shall meet applicable zoning requirements for each parcel
- E. To protect the health, safety and welfare of the animals and the public, animal waste, debris, noise, odor, and drainage shall be kept in accordance with usual and customary health standards associated with that type of animal.
- F. Failure to comply with any portion of this section shall invalidate any use specified in this section and shall subject the owner to penalties and/or fines as specified elsewhere in this title.